



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5476

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF
LEGALIZING INDUSTRIAL HEMP.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Consumer
2 Protection, after consulting with the Commissioner of Economic and
3 Community Development, shall study the feasibility of legalizing the
4 production, possession and sale of industrial hemp for the purpose of
5 encouraging economic development and increasing the number of new
6 businesses in this state. Not later than January 1, 2015, the
7 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall report, in accordance with
8 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
9 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
10 matters relating to consumer protection and commerce concerning said
11 commissioner's recommendations on (1) establishing a statutory
12 definition of "industrial hemp", based on the percentage of proposed
13 tetrahydrocannabinol in such industrial hemp, as distinguished from
14 marijuana, (2) amending the general statutes to exclude industrial
15 hemp from the definition of "controlled substance" in section 21a-240
16 of the general statutes, and (3) establishing a licensing system for
17 industrial hemp growers and sellers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*